

## ABSTRACT

A waste and recyclables materials compaction and handling apparatus includes a storage container for ~~said~~ materials. An elongated charging hopper is defined adjacent to and  
5 alongside ~~said~~ storage container for receiving the materials, ~~said~~ charging hopper having open end portions defining pathways leading into the interior of ~~said~~ storage container. A packing head is mounted for travel within and along ~~said~~ charging hopper between said open end portions and at least one driver is connected to said packing head to effect the travel thereof along said charging hopper between positions adjacent said open end portions. Said packing  
10 head has opposed packing faces adapted to engage the materials placed in said charging hopper. As said packing head is driven along said charging hopper, said materials are compacted and forced along the charging hopper and, depending on the direction of travel of said packing head, through one or the other of said pathways defined by said charging hopper open end portions and thence into the interior of the storage container.